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TO DELINQUENTS.

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TWO CYPHERS.

On the morning of the 14th inst., a drunken cuss, giving the name of J. G. Sypher, took a notion that he wanted to see the great cypher of the White House, so he mounted a horse and rode upon the portico and was trying to ride in at the front door of the White House, when he was arrested. As he was armed, we have been waiting to hear of his being shot as a kuklux, but the authorities have concluded that he is crazy. Was this the same cypher who, noble president by getting drunk, and trying to ride rough shod into the Mansion, and even by giving out such a significant name? These two cyphers should be put together, for 0 added to 0 makes 0, and is indivisible.

DARING ROBBERIES.

During the past few weeks we think there have been committed more daring robberies than ever before occurred in the same length of time. And every one has been successful—the more foolhardy the attempt appeared, the more successful has been the job. To rob the bank in Quincy must have seemed a hopeless task, yet it was done with as much apparent ease as an expert would have in robbing a hen roost. In these days of fire and burglar proof safes, and alarm telegraphs, and shrewd detectives, we ought to be able to deposit our nickels at night with a reasonable hope of finding them the next morning. But such does not prove to be the case, and for every improvement that is made in bank locks and vaults, there are two made in burglar tools. The Quincy robbers tried their improved tools on the improved safe, and the result was that they got nearly \$500,000 worth of property to pay for their cunning. While we deplore the crime, there is a boldness about the matter that compels admiration in the same ratio that we hate sneaks.

CUBA.

Jovellar is Captain General of the Spanish troops in Cuba, and has been invested with extraordinary powers, which is the same as making him autocrat. He has aroused himself from the late lethargy, and takes a fresh grip on the imaginary throat of Cuba. He issues proclamations as easily as did Gen. Pope, when he had his headquarters where most people put their hindquarters—in the saddle. Jovellar declares the whole island to be in a state of siege, and threatens death to every man caught in rebellion. Every able-bodied man in his lines must join his army, and one slave in every thousand is also to be put in line. At the close of the war the slaves are to be free, and the loyal masters to receive \$1000 each for them. And thus he expects to crush the rebellious Cubans. The very means he uses to strengthen himself will perhaps place an effective force in the field against him. The men will now all be forced into line, and if they don't go into the patriot lines they deserve some misfortune, but none so bad as being conquered by this beast. Is it not time for some civilized nation to take care of Cuba?

OWNING UP.

When rogues fall out it is sometimes amusing to hear them abuse each other. The rads of Louisiana sent Pinchback to Washington with two commissions in his pocket, and so far he has been unable to locate either, and his party is going back on him rapidly. Pinch feels where the shoe pinches, and he begins to squeal and his squealing will create consternation in certain rings, if it is not soon hushed up. The men who used the foulest means to secure his election, are now working against him. They threaten him with an investigation, and the saddle-colored rascal throws down the gauntlet as follows:

"Let the investigation proceed. If I am not vindicated, at least some light will appear to extenuate, if not to condone my course. Of one thing I am certain, and that is that the result of a fair investigation will be to make me a minor figure in the grand cavalcade of damned scoundrels who will have to march in my van."

Sail in, Pinch, and expose the whole thing, and help to imprison the gang of villains, and thus earn one word of commendation from the people whom you have helped to beggar, and to whom your very presence is an insult, and may your sentence be commuted from hanging to banishment, or imprisonment for life.

From the St. Louis Dispatch, Feb. 16.

Mr. Alf. B. Kierulff, for a long time the able associate editor of the Lexington Caucasian, having concluded not to go to South Carolina to assist Col. Donnan in the publication of a newspaper at Columbia, will return to Missouri in a few days from Kentucky, and go at once into journalism in this state. Having as yet formed no connections, and having, perhaps, no particular local view, he will be available either in the capacity of editor-in-chief, or as one of the staff of a newspaper. About his ability, popularity, energy, and experience, there cannot be a question of doubt. To any paper in the state, he would be a valuable acquisition, but we hope for the sake of the good cause, and because of a desire to see journalism strengthened and elevated, that Mr. Kierulff may get a newspaper of his own, and that in his own power and individual way he will deliver battle for the best interests of his people, and party, and his state.

COUNTY ASSUMPTION.

We are glad to know that the substitute of Mr. Ferguson, for his original bill providing for the reorganization of railroad county indebtedness is meeting with the favor that it deserves from the various counties now burdened with railroad debts. Meetings have been held in Henry and Cass, and at the latter the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The power granted by the legislature of this state to the county courts to issue bonds with the consent of the people, has resulted in impoverishing the people of Cass county, which calls for immediate redress, we conceive it but right and justice that the present session of the legislature take some steps to relieve the counties of the enormous debts so fixed upon them by the baleful influence of said legislative enactment, therefore

Resolved, That we are in favor of the substitute to the original bill offered in the house of representatives by Representative Ferguson.

These resolutions express the wish of the people generally, and comprise briefly the demand now made upon the legislature for aid. The bill has been set in motion which, if relief is not extended this session, will lead to it eventually. It is a matter of too much importance to be ignored, and the principles enunciated in Mr. Ferguson's bill are of such a nature as must enter largely into state legislation and politics. No objection can be had to the bill in its present shape, save on the dog-in-the-manger principle, as it will not cost the counties out of debt a single nickel, while the relief extended will cause a large increase in population and wealth in the counties that are favoring the project, thus benefiting instead of injuring the neighbors and adding largely to the income of the state. Lafayette county would be benefited materially, and save annually a princely sum. It would be well for our county to express through its county grange, or by public meeting, the views of the people, and an expression from the legislature would be one of the best things that could be done for the benefit of the people of this county.

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FROM ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16, 1874.

READERS OF THE CAUCASIAN: During a stroll in the legislative company with Hon. H. P. Gray and Hon. John Sexton, last Saturday, I visited the future great city of the new world, and found St. Louis all that its friends claim for it—the great wonder of modern times—containing within its limits over four hundred thousand human beings, and paying two-fifths of the revenue of the state. A full of snow the night previous was melting rapidly, making pedestrianism any thing but pleasant, the streets lying in a wretched mud, we secured the services of a cabman, the master of a noble pair of steeds, and were driven to the water works, the finest in the world, built by John Sexton, and were astonished at the magnitude and immense power, forcing water seven miles from the river to the reservoir on Compton Hill, where it is conveyed to the city through vast mains and disseminated throughout the various habitations, manufactures, highways and byways, of this modern Babel. The cost of the water works, reservoirs, etc., aggregated over \$7,000,000, and are complete in every particular. We were also shown the steam fire engines—models of mechanical skill—and kept in perfect order, under the charge of H. Clay Sexton, who has the reputation, deservedly so, of having the best fire department in the United States, the insurance companies adding to his salaries, \$5,000 per annum in appreciation of his services and ability to control a department in which they are vitally interested. While examining the apparatus that the city relies upon to save her miles of stone, brick and mortar, from the fire-dread, the "Clay Sexton," a new machine, was taken out and tested, and in a few minutes after the torch was applied to the fuel in the furnace it was throwing a stream of water above the tops of the highest houses, at the rate of five hundred gallons per minute, attracting a large crowd, that repeatedly cheered the fireman as the power of the engine demonstrated the fact that it was all that could be asked of a machine made by one of the first builders in the West. The spray, falling from the vast stream of water, mounting upward, formed a magnificent rainbow, that hung like a halo over the crowd, and added a little to the interest of the scene. Returning our thanks to the chief for this evidence of the efficiency of his engines, we drove off well satisfied that as long as Clay Sexton has charge of the fire department of St. Louis, its citizens can sleep in peace and not dread the ravages of that element that so lately has swept over other cities.

A drive through Shaw's park, 800 acres in extent, a magnificent domain after which it is named, was next in order, and we were assured that there were fourteen miles of drives in this park, upon which the city expends annually \$10,000. From there we drove by the insane asylum, new county poor house, hospital, four courts, social evil hospital and other public buildings, erected regardless of expense, and in the most colossal manner. In her appropriations for buildings for the unfortunate St. Louis has been magnificent, in keeping with her rapid growth and imperial resources, thus setting an example to the state which has been too slow to follow, having no buildings that can be compared with those of this city.

Next in order we interviewed the bridge, now approaching completion, the most stupendous structure of the kind in the universe, a model of engineering, and worthy to rank among the wonders of the world. The spans are all up, and to show its magnitude, the center span alone is one thousand feet in length, the ten others about eight hundred each. The upper portion of the structure will be used for vehicles, and the lower for the passage of trains, connecting on the south side with a tunnel that runs under the city nearly one mile. The structure is colossal, built for all time, and will cost at least \$8,000,000. Notwithstanding this enormous sum I have been assured by those conversant with such matters, that the stock will pay a handsome dividend.

At night Hon. J. T. Heard, addressed the merchants of the city at the Laclede Hotel, and he convinced the most skeptical that his revenue bill was not the elephant that it had been represented. He was listened to with marked attention, and at the close of his remarks was warmly congratulated by many who had been misled by the structure of the St. Louis press upon his bill. His visit had a happy effect, and his explanations were of such a nature as to carry conviction to all.

We also paid a visit to the Dispatch, where John Edwards throws into type sentences that will float for ages down the stream of time, wearing his words into garlands and coronets to crown the brow of the deserving, or converting them into darts, as keen and cutting as the blasts that blow from Horean regions, against the foes of democracy and the right. Then to the new office of the Times, where Estell McHenry and Charley Manx, send forth their double headed leaders and sound advice to the terrified wherever our starry halberd casts its shadow on the well-laid reins of Uncle Sam. No office in the

city is more complete, light and airy, handsomely fitted up and in keeping with the increasing business of this popular journal. The Globe being in our route, we interviewed the interviewer, McCulloch, shook hands with McKee, and then made a raid on the Republican, where we were shown the celebrated Walter press, the finest printing machine in the world, and had explained to us the art of stereotyping their forms, an English invention, used for a number of years on the London Times. The press of St. Louis is in the hands of hard working men, men of weight, talent and influence, and a Paladin among them is Sulton Hutchins, young in years but old in experience. A printer, he stands at the head of journalism in the west, the architect of his own fortune, and the center of a meteoric shower of malice and vituperation unprecedented in journalism.

St. Louis is a young giant. Her merchants, active and liberal, are controlling a commerce larger than that which caused Venice to rise like a poet's vision from the Adriatic, and among her representatives in the legislature are some of the ablest members of the 27th general assembly, polished in debate, well posted in law, gentlemanly in their bearing, and calculated to advance the interests of their municipality. In their hands the welfare of the metropolis is safe.

While in the city, we were the recipients of many favors and extended to police commissioner Doseheimer and other gentlemen our thanks, with the hope that we may be able to reciprocate their kindness at no distant day. J. T. C.

FROM JEFFERSON CITY.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 17, 74.

READERS OF THE CAUCASIAN: No legislative body has ever worked harder to accomplish its mission than the present general assembly, and strict economy has been the watchword of its every action. Not a single appropriation so far has been made, and an immense number of bills have been stopped, that were draining the treasury.

This week, so far, a number of bills have been passed, and among them an act amending the mechanic's lien law, now requiring the material man who desires to obtain a lien upon any building to give notice to the owner, and when the material is to be furnished to a sub-contractor, the material man must also furnish notice to the original contractor of his intention to furnish material. It also provides that claims of contractors, workmen and material men shall bear 10 per cent. interest from the time the payment of the same is due. The bill contains an exception in favor of St. Louis, by which the material man shall not be required to give the notice prescribed in the bill when the amount of his claim is less than \$100.

An act appropriating to Mrs. J. J. Gravely, the amount due her husband, Lieut. Gov. Gravely, at the time of his decease, was passed. Also, amending section 1, chapter 70, of the general statutes, giving grangers the same privileges as other secret societies.

The bill reducing the county judges to one, and giving him probate jurisdiction, has passed the house and gone to the senate where it will be acted upon promptly. A feeling seems to prevail in a number of counties to do away with the present system, and try the one judge plan, believing that by so doing they can cut off expenses. A motion to make this system general, would find many friends in the house, and meet with considerable favor. Several bills have been introduced similar to that introduced by the member from Ray, and this will undoubtedly pass.

Mr. Day presented a petition of citizens of Worth county, asking for the passage of an act enabling counties adopting the township organization law to rescind the same, something sadly needed. Several counties that have adopted the township organization having become tired of it, are eager to rid themselves of its burthens.

A small breeze blew yesterday between the members from St. Clair and Barton, in regard to the following resolution introduced by Mr. Morgan:

Resolved, That the committee on judiciary be instructed to prepare and report a bill submitting to a vote of the people an amendment to the constitution of the state prohibiting the general assembly to enact a law by which the state shall assume any indebtedness of any city, town or municipal corporation in any manner whatever.

This being a direct strike at the Ferguson assumption bill, that gentleman immediately rose and in a burst of fiery eloquence opposed the adoption of the resolution. Mr. Morgan defended it in a similar strain, and pending its consideration the morning hour expired, and the house took up the revenue bill, which is still dragging its slow length along, but few amendments having been so far adopted, and they but of a minor nature and do not affect the previous features of the bill, which it is thought will be fairly considered this week. The bill is being fought at various points, and its opponents come from the cities where wealth congregates, and a portion of which has hitherto escaped taxation.

A substitute for the Linnick Law will be introduced this week, which it is thought will meet with the views of the house, as it is so

tirely short of the objections urged against the bill when upon its passage last week.

A number of members have gone to Booneville, but not enough to check legislation, and they will remain until the adjournment of the state grange, one of the most important bodies that ever convened in the state. The order having assumed colossal proportions, it will take considerable labor and pains on the part of the state grange to perfect their work in keeping with the action of the national grange, the platform of which is all that could be asked for an organization destined to do so much good in this order has the power to accomplish, the exaltation and the agricultural masses of our country. Already the effect of the grange movement is manifest in the increase in the circulation of papers and a general demand for books and news.

Several motions have been made to adjourn sine die, but none so far have been entertained. The house being unable to fix a day until the revenue bill has been disposed of, the general impression seems to be that a final adjournment will be reached about the 17th of March.

The governor has appointed a board of trustees for the St. Joseph lunatic asylum, gentlemen residing in that city, as the objection to the old board was that they resided too far away to give their personal attention.

The receipts of the treasurer for collectors, for the week ending February 14, were \$17,745.49, of which Carroll paid in \$24,414.96 and Lafayette \$17,448.60.

An effort will be made by the temperance men to secure the passage of a civil damage law, similar to that enacted in Ohio. Also, a more stringent law in regard to druggists selling spirituous liquors, requiring them to refuse to sell except on a prescription, which shall be filed and subject to examination by the grand jury.

The Madison House is crowded to excess, a large delegation from St. Louis being here to look after the interest of a bill incorporating Forest Park. Among them a number of notables, none of whom attract more attention than Mat. Callen, known as the "Terrible Judge," and his appearance in the lobby was a decided sensation.

Mr. McPheters has presented a resolution providing for the location of an industrial school for idiotic children in Callaway county, and authorizing the committee on benevolent and scientific institutions to consider the matter.

The senate has been engaged to-day in considering the road law, a substitute for the house bill, a synopsis of which you last week. Should it pass it will give satisfaction, or come as near doing so as any road law that has been enacted for years.

Now that the session commences to approach a conclusion, members are getting nervous and anxious, to get through with their past measures, and many are doomed to disappointment. Large numbers of bills now before the committees will never see daylight again; they are hopelessly buried.

Last night a masquerade ball was given at the mansion, but as I was not present cannot say how it was conducted, but learn that all who were present had a fine time and enjoyed themselves. To-night Mrs. Scott Siddons reads from the poets and also comes heralded with a lot of trumpets and pictures of immense size.

The governor has approved the following among other bills:

Act reducing county court of Ripley county to one justice, to be probate judge.

Act reducing county court of McDonald county to one justice, to be probate judge.

Act ousting board of commissioners of the Northwest lunatic asylum, and providing for appointment by the governor of a new board, to consist of seven members, two of whom are to be physicians, to be confirmed by the senate.

An act appropriating \$500 for the purchase of books for the penitentiary library.

An act to provide for the extension of the time of the return of the delinquent tax list for 1873.

An act changing the terms of court in the fifteenth judicial circuit.

J. T. C.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 18, 74.

In the senate the road law was considered in committee of the whole and it will pass with but few amendments, none of which will materially effect the main features of the bill.

The house has been considering the revenue bill in committee, and have reached the eighth section, skipping several that are being opposed by St. Louis, so as to give the opponents of the bill a chance to present their objections and show cause why it should not pass. Notwithstanding a number of members have left for Booneville to attend the state grange, there is a good working house, and the members are determined to put business through.

Last night I attended the masquerade ball given by the members of the Harmonia Society, and it was one of the most pleasant parties I was ever my good fortune to attend, fun and merriment prevailing until the "two o'clock hour." Some of the costumes were magnificent and none bore themselves more gracefully than Miss Alma Krekel, daughter of Judge Arrol Krekel, as the file of the night, and walking over trifled affectionately at the end of the flowers. Miss Mollie Hongan personated a Girl of the Plains, and seemed a perfect descendant of the chiefs that have swung their death songs and the wilds of the West, and shouted a fiery defiance to their foes.

how to conduct such affairs, and they never do things by halves.

This morning the Ladies bill was before the senate, but nothing was done in regard to it, nor will there be as it is not altogether what the people want.

As I will leave here for Booneville at noon I will write you from that place.

J. T. C.

GENERAL NEWS.

Choice beef-steaks sell at three cents a pound at the market stalls in San Marcos, Texas.

St. Louis wants a city park, to cost \$1,000,000; and it will cost \$120,000 a year to keep it up.

In Michigan, convicts who cannot read and write are to be taught these accomplishments while in prison.

Chang and Eng's other name was Barker, and the Cincinnati Times says they ought to be buried on Bunker Hill, where a monument is already erected.

The Boston Post asks: "If a man loses an ounce of brains every ten years, how old is Bowdler? We reply that as Prof. Somebody says man is 500,000 years old, we guess Bowdler is the man."

The Illinois senate has passed a bill making drunkenness of railroad officials during their employment a criminal offense. That legislature has again hit the nail fairly on the head.

If you leave your clothes on the line all night, it would perhaps be profitable to watch them with a shot gun, to keep them from blowing away. Several exchanges mention the loss of things in this way.

They had a sleet storm near Hillsboro, S. C., last week, which was the most destructive ever known. The crops and orchards are wrecks, the telegraph lines were broken down, and the roads were impassable for several days.

It transpires that the principal prospect in the New Orleans tow boat monopoly reside in Philadelphia and other parts of the east, which accounts in part for the opposition in that quarter to the despatch of the channel at the Balize.

"A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!" cried a celebrated tragedian. "Wouldn't a jackass do as well?" inquired an affected young man, riding in his seat. "Yes," triumphantly replied the actor, "just step up this way, sir." The young man sat down.

The Denver Tribune has been sent for trial, and the damages are laid at \$100,000. Instead of paying up promptly, as is the habit in such cases, it resorts to the most diabolical piece of revenge we ever heard of. It publishes an accurate likeness of the plaintiff in the case.

The women of Ohio are still waging war against intemperance. The movement seems to increase in strength each day. A large fund has been raised, and saloons are being bought out, and the stocks destroyed, the proprietors signing the pledge.

Mr. Goodnow, of Springfield, Mass., gathers about a dozen street boys in his office every day and talks to them about temperance until they give the pledge. Some give them a dinner. It is supposed that some of the boys are repeating to a dreadful extent.

Chicago papers are discussing the question whether or not a city should burn her dead. One of our exchanges suggests that she might profitably burn some of her living. We think the dead of that place should be buried, as they will get burning enough hereafter.

"Pappy Poppy" don't count in New York. A young Brooklyn student, a young gentleman, so called, for smacking her effective \$20,000 worth. The youth, being under 21 years of age, plead the infant act, and the lady didn't get a nickel. Girls, beware of lusts!

Alex. Stephens died last week with his lungs full of water. The president remarked that he was grateful for an opportunity to observe that Mr. Stephens' appetite was in an inverse ratio to his weight. Since that dinner Stephens has been quite sick, as reported by telegraph.

A fellow aged 17 years, in New Jersey, became jealous of a young lady, and shot her in the back with a rifle, as she was going home, escorted by two gentlemen. He was arrested and acknowledged the shooting, but says it was accidental. If they don't hang him for murder, they should cut his tongue out for lying.

Thirty-seven of the seventy-two senators in Washington are accompanied by their wives, and nineteen of them have their daughters with them. Of the two hundred and ninety-eight representatives and delegates, one hundred and twenty-nine have their wives with them, and many are accompanied by daughters and lady friends.

In 1869 a widow lady called on Judge Coke, at Waco, Texas, and stated that she desired to pay a debt of \$1,000 which her husband owed the judge. The lady's husband had been killed in Virginia. The judge refused to accept a cent, and made her a present of the sum, and interest. Judge Coke is the new governor of Texas and this is characteristic of the man.

Mr. Wornesley, of Clarksville, Ark., returned home from St. Louis last Friday with a wife and two children, and a boy outen. That night three highwaymen burst open the door, and walked into the bedroom, and demanded the key to his trunk. They took the trunk and emptied it, and then they took the trunk and emptied it, and then they took the trunk and emptied it.

Peter Smithwick got drunk in Brookline, N. H., and on his way home in a halcyon he fell into a snow bank and was badly frozen. Since then he has been in the poor-house, and the Holits authorities have med the liquor dealer for damages. Whiskey makes paupers, and as the county has to take care of paupers, why should not the county recover damages from the whiskey seller?

Summary of Texas news in the Galveston News of the 20th ult.: Pondera county—A negro has been found murdered in the woods. Neves county—A man killed by a Mexican. Limestone county—Horse thieves have robbed Colonel Alcorn. Travis county—Another man knocked down and robbed. Cameron county—Cattle-stealing operations continue; Marion county—District court suddenly adjourned. According to Piny, five men for a long time unknown to the police of the county, and when a celebrated astronomer showed them, they were absolutely in raptures. The Persians, Phoenicians, and several other nations known to the use, fire, and the Chinese used the same of their progenitors. Pompano, Mota, Platarich, and other ancient writers speak of nations which, at the time when they wrote, knew not the use of fire, or just learned it. Facts of the same kind are also attested by modern nations. The inhabitants of the Mexican nation of fire. Never was astonishment greater than their when they saw it on the desert on one of their islands. At first they believed it was some kind of an animal that fired to and fed upon wood.

STATE NEWS.

It is said that there is not a vacant house in Huntsville.

Hamilton is out of debt, with over \$700 in the town treasury.

The assessed taxable property of St. Louis county is \$240,000,000.

Revivals have been held in every church in Chillicothe, and all of them were successful.

The Chinsamen are disgusted with St. Louis. Several left there for California the other day.

The Bulletin says Illinois has more dogs than any city of equal size on earth. This is utterly false.

C. W. Steele & Co. will start the publication of a weekly newspaper at 30-31 in a short time. It will be called the Missouri Granger.

H. B. Johnson, of Jefferson City, says he is willing to pay \$500 reward to catch the fellow that stuck an infamous placard on his gate.

A lady got her sleigh upset the other day, in Warrensburg, and she was somewhat injured. She has brought suit for damages against the city.

Sedalia and Warrensburg are both vying for Hammond the revivalist, to make them a protracted visit. We sincerely hope he will visit them both.

Some of the farmers near Chillicothe think that the alternate freezing and thawings in the latter part of January has injured the wheat. We hope not.

A. H. Cutler, of Iowa, has brought 10,000 acres of land near Ritchey, Newton county, for settlement by Iowa and Wisconsin immigrants. Let 'em come.

Warrensburg must be busy at Sedalia. The Democrat says: "Mr. John Hays, of Cooper, is still missing, and will be for the last seven of him he is in details."

Our exchanges from every part of the state are rejoicing over the splendid prospect for a good wheat crop. The late snow is said to have helped it considerably.

The Montevideo Express estimates that the 100,000 dogs in Iowa annually destroy \$88,000 worth of sheep. It's worse than that here at home, and, apparently no remedy.

Warrensburg Democrat: Linnick lawn bill, in some shape, has passed the house of representatives. You know it was to house the partially insane, and Donnan, seeing it was inevitable, left.

Bethany is going to have a new courthouse in the place of the one recently burned. The county has appropriated \$50,000 for the purpose, and the citizens of the town have added \$5,000.

Mr. D. J. White, of Livingston county, has a daguerreotype of Stonewall Jackson, taken when he was seventeen years old. Mr. White was a cousin of the old veteran, and values this relic very highly.

The Jefferson City Tribune of the 13th says: At noon yesterday a stock driver named Wilson, from Ray county, Mo., was killed on the North Missouri Railroad, near Mexico, by the stock train running on the track.

A negro at Union, in Franklin county, got mad at a German, and threw an ax at him. The ax missed the mark, but sailed across the street and stuck the neck of a young lawyer who was passing. The head was nearly cut off, and the man died almost instantly.

The messenger, sent from St. Louis to Granby, to pay off the miners at that place, was robbed last Friday morning, at two o'clock, of \$3,100. The custom is to send down from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each week, and the highwaymen took advantage of this fact to waylay the messenger.

A little two-year-old son of Mr. White, a farmer living five miles northwest of Springfield, was scalded to death yesterday, by getting into a tub of hot water upon himself from a table in the kitchen. Medical aid was promptly procured, but the child survived the accident only a few hours.

The gravity of the average southern man will be somewhat disturbed by the announcement that the Grand Army of the Republic has invited Adjutant Semmes to lecture in the north for the benefit of the "Gravestone Fund." The staves would not stand where Semmes buried his dead.

The Detroit Tribune says that one of the Chicago papers published the Ten Commandments the other day, and a lively newspaper war ensued as to which was Shakespeare's play, the section was made from. What does Chicago know about Shakespeare? The dispute was as to whether B. F. Taylor or Joaquin Miller wrote the selection.

Governor Woodson offers a reward for the Gals Hill robbers of two thousand dollars each, which with five thousand dollars offered by the Post-office Department and two thousand five hundred dollars by the Governor of Arkansas, makes \$17,500 for the man who shall capture them. The reward is entirely too small. Put it up to \$30,000 and something may be done.

The advent of a wildcat broke up a wedding at St. Louis, the other evening. The young ladies didn't like the new claws with which the rascals sought to introduce into the ceremony. "This item has been published by nearly every paper in the state. Won't the fellow who started it now tell us the locality where it occurred?"

The new railroad bridge on North River was recently swept away by high water, whereupon the Palmyra Spectator solicited thusly: Their attempt to run their road through the bogs and fens and swamps and high waters of the Mississippi river, surely to avoid passing through this city, and then borrow a company more than it will come to, in our opinion, before they are done with it.

The St. Louis Globe of the 14th contains this item. We suppose it speaks by authority: "Pat Donnan, Esq., recently of the Lexington Caucasian, was in the city last evening. His intention was to start a paper in South Carolina, after the fashion of the Caucasian, but after visiting that state he suddenly changed his determination, and concluded that there was no room for genius in those regions."